



FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 9, 1904.

THE INSECURITY of American securities has been fully shown by what has occurred on the New York Stock Exchange during the past few days. By the simple making public of the inside workings of some of the big corporations of the country the value of the stocks of these corporations have depreciated in value to the extent of millions of dollars. Dispatches state that the New York stock market yesterday experienced a convulsion, a panic sweeping over it in the first and second hours, which resulted in the most sensational decline in prices since the historic Northern Pacific panic of May 9, 1901. "Lawson's panic" was the name given to the slump in many quarters, but serious-minded men are declaring that Lawson's influence was greatly overestimated, and that the true cause of the decline was the fact that the market has been much over-bought and that stocks have been unduly inflated. Fortunes aggregating hundreds of millions were swept away and built up in the wild battle on the floor yesterday, but in the end the most marked effect has been the shaking out of the "little fellows." The public was in the market much more deeply than had been supposed, and the great mass of petty speculators who were operating on margins on the long side was eliminated, leaving its money in the hands of the professionals.

THE REPUBLICANS in Congress are making it apparent that determined efforts are to be made during the present session to reduce representation from the South, and there is reason to believe that some engaged in this unjust crusade will, before the advent of next spring, prove as venomous as the late Thad. Stevens. It is useless to present facts or figures as protestations against this high-handed movement. People bent on inflicting an injustice upon others are not susceptible to reason; hence argument would be wasted on the desert air. There will, of course, be no attempt to curtail the number of representatives from portions of the country where republican majorities are polled, but in the South, where a standing protest exists against the republican party in all its different phases, an attempt will be made to put the knife as deeply as possible. The Southern States pay enormous sums annually for the support of the federal government, Virginia alone contributing more internal revenue taxes than all the New England States combined.

THE administration does not seem in any hurry to reach a final settlement of the beef trust case. It was reached on the regular docket of the Supreme Court yesterday, as stated in the Gazette of that day, and went over until after the holiday recess at the request of Assistant Attorney General Day, representing the government. The case before the court involves an application for a dissolution of an injunction granted by Judge Grosscup, of Chicago, restraining the trust from performing certain acts held to be in the nature of a combination restraining interstate commerce and equivalent to a violation of the Sherman anti-trust act. Mr. Day said Attorney General Moody desires to participate in the arguments and is not prepared to do so at this time. Manana again!

It is only a month since the country was understood to have voted for Roosevelt and prosperity, and the superintendent of the municipal lodging house says there are 40 per cent. more idle men in New York city than a year ago. "And December," he says, "is going to break all records." The cause he believes to be the discharge of men who have been employed on the subway, and, still more, the large number of men who have come to the city expecting to get work on the subway. And the conditions in New York prevail throughout the country.

ADVERSE ACTION on the Jamestown exposition project was taken yesterday by the committee on industrial arts and expositions of the House, which decided not to recommend the authorization of the measure providing for an industrial exposition in commemoration of the first English settlement in America. This course was taken on the ground of economy! The proposed expenditure is on the wrong side of the Potomac to meet with favor at the hands of the average republican Congressman.

## CONGRESSIONAL.

The House was in session five hours and fifteen minutes yesterday, and had under consideration the legislative appropriation bill, brought up by Representative Bingham. The Civil Service Commission was denounced by republican leaders, and a proposed increase in the salary of the secretary of the commission was defeated. The salaries of committee stenographers were cut from \$5,000 to \$3,000, and other changes in the bill were made. An attack was made on expenditures for the Congressional Library. Adjournment was taken at 5:16 o'clock, with the discussion of the five-minute rule not nearly completed.

## From Washington.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] Washington, D. C., Dec. 9. Labor Commissioner Carroll D. Wright called on the President this afternoon to tell him that the bureau's report on the Colorado labor trouble would probably be completed in a few days. "We are waiting for just one thing in Colorado," said Col. Wright, and that is the calling off of the strike in Telluride. Our story is complete up to this point and we expect that this trouble will be ended within a very few days. The report is a very voluminous one. Col. Wright said that he is cleaning up his work in preparation for his quitting the government service before the first of the year.

The President has remitted the sentence of Capt. William W. Quinton, assistant surgeon, U. S. A., convicted by court martial in the Philippines of conduct unbecoming an officer, from dismissal to a loss of 56 furlough days.

President Roosevelt talked to a number of Congressmen this morning on the subject of tariff revision and his plan of enlarging the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission. If anything he is more interested in the latter than the former, at present.

Senator Latimer, of South Carolina, the father of the good roads movement in Congress, reluctantly admits that all hope for any legislation along that line this session must be abandoned. The slogan of "economy" that has been used by the leaders of both houses has sounded the death knell of special legislation requiring great sums of money to render it effective.

Lieutenant Commander W. S. Hogg of the navy who has been conducting a series of experiments with wireless telegraph apparatus at the Naval Academy at Annapolis reports to the department that by the aid of a device which he worked out and attached to the Marconi instrument he has established a new official record in wireless telegraphy. Hitherto the best that has been done by the government is a current working something over a hundred miles but Mr. Hogg on Monday night was able by his apparatus to communicate between Annapolis and Cape Cod, a distance of 330 miles. A feature of this achievement which is particularly encouraging to the department is that 120 miles of the distance is overhead, a matter which has previously been extremely baffling.

Experiments made between St. Louis and a station near Chicago, about 230 miles apart, have proved failures. An echo of the Slocum disaster was heard in the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce today when the Bassett bill for the better protection against fire on steam vessels carrying passengers, was called up for discussion. Mr. Bassett went briefly into its details and asked for further hearings. A subcommittee was appointed to give the matter special attention.

The House committee on public buildings today decided to frame and report at this session an omnibus public building bill. Chairman Gillett said that it was the sense of the members that the committee shall have a bill. "Owing to the financial condition of the country, however," he said, "the bill must be moderate in amount. The committee decided to consider only the most meritorious cases. We want a bill and if we are to have one, we must be careful. I do not think we will get to work on the measure until after the Christmas holidays. We will then consider what demands are the most urgent." The last omnibus public buildings bill, passed in 1902, carried \$19,000,000. At the same time there was a surplus in the Treasury. It is believed that the bill to come from the committee at this session, will be about a third of this amount.

A battle may be expected in Congress this session over the efforts that will be made to restore in a measure, the army canteen. The bill recently introduced in the Senate by Mr. Proctor, acting chairman of the committee on Military Affairs, to amend existing law as to permit the sale of liquor at post exchange, in those States in which license laws prevail, has the hearty endorsement of the War Department, and it is understood that when Secretary Taft returns, steps will at once be taken to map out a plan that will enable speedy consideration.

While commending President Roosevelt's attitude on civil service extension, the committee on resolutions of the National Civil Service Reform League in its annual report to the convention now in session here this morning said: "The league regrets the frequency with which the President has directed suspensions of the rules and special exceptions in individual cases, some forty such cases having occurred in a single year. The possible danger of such action is shown by the case of James A. Dumont, appointed inspector of hulls of steam vessels in the district of New York without compliance with the civil service rules, and recently summarily removed from that office by the President as the result of the terrible disaster to the steamer General Slocum, for neglect in the performance of his duties." Among the suggestions of the committee were legislative action against political activity by classified federal employees, the rejection of all veteran preference bills and the extension of the merit system to consular and Indian services. A number of papers and reports on civil service topics were read at today's session. The election of officers resulted in the re-election of Daniel C. Gilman, as President, and Charles J. Bonaparte, of Baltimore, as chairman of the council. Among the new vice-presidents elected were Herbert Welsh, Philadelphia, Moorfield Storey, Boston, and Thomas N. Syron, Portland, Ore.

E. P. Bacon, of Milwaukee, representing the 424 organizations which combined into the interstate commerce law convention, held at the World's Fair in August, appeared before the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce today in support of the Quarles-Cooper bill to extend the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and grant the right of regulating freight rates. An interesting statement brought out by the witness, was to the effect that the original Elkins' interstate commerce bill, only one section of which became law, was drawn by the late Judge Logan, general counsel of the Pennsylvania Railroad, amended at the request of Mr. Bacon's organization, and approved by President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He also said that the present bill is practically the same bill as originally presented by Senator Elkins.

The House committee on the judiciary today decided to report to the House, that the additional testimony taken in the case against Judge Swayne of

Florida strengthens the demand for impeachment proceedings against that official. The result will speedily be announced to the House. The impeachment resolutions are a special order in the House for December 13. The committee at the last session of Congress submitted an impeachment resolution, adopted by a bare majority of seven out of the thirteen members of the committee. The report now to be submitted will materially aid the opponents of Judge Swayne and the prospects for bringing him before the bar of the United States Senate have grown.

The House committee on the judiciary today agreed to recommend indefinite postponement of the resolutions by Representative Baker, looking to an investigation of the steel trust and provided for the free admission of steel rails.

## News of the Day.

The New Patterson jury was completed in New York yesterday evening and Prosecuting Attorney Rand made his opening statement.

The Comptroller of the Currency in his annual report favors legislation authorizing banks of \$1,000,000 capital to engage in foreign banking.

In New York yesterday Howard Gould was made defendant in a suit brought by Messrs. Brand & Le Royer, dressmakers, to recover \$3,760, the alleged value of sixteen dresses made for his wife, Katherine Clemons Gould.

The case of Charles Barton, 81 years old, tried for the murder of Simon Talhelm, an aged evangelist and next-door neighbor of Barton, September 12 last, was finished at Hagerstown, Md., yesterday. The jury, after being out about an hour and a half, returned a verdict of murder in the first degree.

One-fifth of the money of the world is held in the United States, according to figures contained in the annual report of the Comptroller of the Currency. The aggregate stock of money held by the principal countries of the world at the close of 1903 was \$12,313,100,000, this country holding \$2,500,200,000.

Mrs. Cassie Chidwick was arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields in New York yesterday and committed to the Tombs in default of \$15,000 bail. Andrew Carnegie sent to the prosecuting officials in Cleveland an unequivocal denial of any knowledge of the woman or the notes bearing his signature.

Sam Collier is dead. The old-time Baltimore prizefighter, as famous in his day as Heenan, Sayers and Yankee Sullivan, passed away Wednesday at his home, 23 Cumberland street, Brooklyn, N. Y. He had suffered some months with heart disease, which finally conquered him at the age of 62 years. Sam Collier's right name was Walter Jamieson.

In the French Chamber of Deputies yesterday afternoon the government escaped defeat by the narrow majority of two votes, 276 to 274, on a resolution inviting the government to refer to the superior council of judges the cases of those magistrates who have been guilty of making secret investigations. The cabinet's narrow escape from defeat is due to the unabated indignation against the system of informers in the various departments of the public service, the first exposure of which in connection with the army caused General Andre's resignation of the ministry of war.

Another Bill to Punish the South. Representative Murrell, of Pennsylvania, yesterday introduced a bill to reduce representation in states where citizens are disfranchised. The bill is more general than that introduced by Senator Platt, and its provisions apply to any State limiting suffrage.

The bill would reduce the representation in Congress of any State, which, after March 4, 1907, denies the right of suffrage to any of its male inhabitants or in any way abridges such right, "except for participation in rebellion or other crime," the reduction to be proportionate to the denial of the right of suffrage. The bill makes it the duty of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to ascertain, through the Census Bureau, by means of a biennial census, the number of such citizens in each State to whom the right to vote is so denied or abridged and to report the same to the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the fourth day of March, 1907, and biennially thereafter.

Provision is made for the reading of the report in open session at the beginning of each Congress.

"If it should appear," the bill further provides, "that the number of representatives that have been accredited by any State exceeds the number to which it shall be entitled according to the rule of apportionment herein provided, none of the persons so accredited as representatives shall be entitled to seats in the House of Representatives, but a vacancy in the entire representation of such State shall be declared by resolution of the House, and the executive authority of such State shall issue writs for the election of a number of representatives at large for the same equal to the number to which it may be justly entitled as declared by the House of Representatives."

Representative Sherman (N. Y.) yesterday introduced a bill identical with that introduced by Senator Platt in the Senate reducing the representation of Southern States in Congress.

## TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

A dividend of 34 per cent. has been declared on preferred stock of Southern Pacific Company.

In a fit of despondency, Wm. Jenkins, 66 years old, hanged himself during the night at Mahanoy City, Pa. He was janitor of Bethel Congregational Church.

Postmaster J. A. Rafer, of Harrison, N. Y., reports that the postoffice was robbed during the night of \$800 in stamps and \$200 in cash. The safe was found open this morning.

Fire in Scholls mine, Bartonville, Ill., asylum grounds this morning threatened considerable loss of life, inasmuch as 135 men were employed there. All of the inmates made their way to safety, and the flames were subdued with a loss of about \$4,000.

James Fleischutt, the Pennsylvania Railroad engineer who acknowledged that he had fallen asleep on overwork, and pulled his train to the main track in front of an express train, causing a wreck in which there was loss of life and injuries near Pottstown, concluded his sixty days sentence today. When he stepped from jail at Norristown a representative of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Locomotive Engineers met him and presented him with a check for \$1,000 which they had raised. During his confinement the brotherhood also looked after his family at Pottsville.

## Virginia News.

Meredith Capper died in Winchester, yesterday, aged 85 years.

Mrs. Fannie Bell Ficklin, wife of Mr. C. B. Ficklin, of Millenberry, Lancaster county, died yesterday after a week's illness of pneumonia.

Private advices received last night at Richmond indicate that the recovery of Col. R. E. Withers, former United States Senator is not expected. He is ill at Wytheville and is 83 years old.

Mrs. Becker, who is 76 years old, was married in Richmond last night to Mr. George Franck, 81 years old. They then had a reception. Mr. Franck enters wedlock for the second and his bride for the third time.

Mrs. W. H. Lewis, wife of Major W. H. T. Lewis, of The Rocks, Jefferson county, Va., died last night of typhoid fever, aged 53 years. Mrs. Lewis was Miss Kate S. Neill, daughter of the late Dr. S. S. Neill, of Berryville.

The Jewish synagogue, Beth Ahabo, in Richmond, will be dedicated there to night. Those taking part will be Rev. Dr. Samuel Sale, of St. Louis; Rev. Dr. William Rosenau, of Baltimore; Rev. Dr. Calish, of Richmond, and others. The organ it contains is the most costly in Virginia.

Mrs. Ledonia Curlett, wife of John Curlett, a prominent citizen of Wheaton, Lancaster county, died Wednesday night from the effects of a pistol wound which was accidentally inflicted on Thursday afternoon of last week. At the time of the shooting Mrs. Curlett was attempting to clean a hammerless pistol belonging to her husband when it exploded. The bullet entered her abdomen and passed through her body.

Several days ago Messrs. Calvin Jennings and J. Dempsey were fox hunting with a pack of six dogs near Fredericksburg. They started a red fox and a live chase ensued for an hour, when the fox took a hole. After digging vigorously for a half an hour a twelve-pound coon jumped out and had a fierce fight with the dogs, during the progress of which the fox came out of the same hole and both the coon and fox were captured.

Second Auditor Dew announces that \$193,000 has been turned over by the State to the treasurers of counties and cities for the payment of public school teachers. This is an increase of \$3,000 over last year. The auditor has just completed the purchase of \$48,000 of State securities for this fund at the average price of 98. Preparations are being made for the payment January 1 of the interest on the public debt amounting to \$438,900.

At an early hour yesterday morning a daring attempt was made to rob the Mount Airy Bank, at Frederick, Md. The iron safe was blown to pieces, but before the robbers could open an inner door of the vault, beyond which lay the money and securities of the institution, the thieves were frightened away by the citizens of the town, attracted by the explosion. The Baltimore police have arrested a number of men on the charge of being connected with the affair, among them one giving his name as Charles Knorr, of Alexandria.

## COURT OF APPEALS.

Following were the opinions handed down by the Court of Appeals yesterday: By Judge John A. Buchanan:

Burwell vs. Burwell et al. Circuit Court of Franklin county. Reversed in part and affirmed in part.

By Judge George M. Harrison: Rocky Mount Loan and Trust Company vs. Price, et al. Circuit Court of Franklin county. Affirmed in part and reversed in part.

By Judge Stafford G. Whittle: Rhea vs. Shields, trustee. Court of Law and Chancery city of Norfolk. Affirmed.

Among the petitions for appeals, etc., were the following: Weaver et al. vs. Emith et al. Circuit Court of Madison county. Appeal refused.

Dearing vs. Corder. Circuit Court of Fauquier county. Appeal refused. Alexander, et al. vs. Embrey, judge. Corporation Court of Fredericksburg. Writ of mandamus denied.

Hill vs. Hancy. Upon a petition for a writ of prohibition. Writ denied.

The following were yesterday's proceedings: Norfolk Railway and Light Company vs. Spratley, et al. Fully argued and submitted.

Warner Moore and Company vs. Western Insurance Company. Argued and submitted.

The court adjourned until January 3, that being the first day of the January term.

## Set back for Exposition.

The House of Representatives yesterday indicated that the end of expositions has been reached, for while there can, of course, be no action by Congress prohibiting such expositions, it can seriously discourage them by refusing all governmental aid and money.

This is what has been done to the proposed exposition at Jamestown, Va. The committee on arts and expositions yesterday refused to recommend an appropriation for the fair, and even declined to suggest that the government make any exhibition at the fair, such as has been done heretofore at every fair since the Centennial of 1876.

While this cuts off all hope of encouragement from the House, it is believed that Senators Daniel and Martin, of Virginia, will be able to win better consideration from the Senate, and they will probably get an ample appropriation into some Senate bill. While there is a general sentiment that the business of expositions has been sadly overdone in recent years, it seems unfortunate that the House should select a southern undertaking as the first one to feel congressional displeasure.

It is not believed in Norfolk that the refusal of the Congressional committee on industrial arts and expositions to report favorably the bill of Congressman Maynard for an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the Jamestown exposition will affect the prospects of that show. The company has already raised \$1,000,000, the State of Virginia has appropriated \$200,000 and it is believed that the government will give at least \$3,000,000. The work of laying out the grounds is under way, and, therefore, it would not appear that the scope of the exposition will be reduced from an industrial and marine exposition to a purely naval event.

## A Pleasant Pill.

No pill is as pleasant and positive as DeWitt's Little Early Risers. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are so mild and effective that children, delicate ladies and weak people enjoy their cleansing effect, while strong people say they are the best liver pills sold. Sold by all druggists.

## Today's Telegraphic News.

**FIGHTING AT PORT ARTHUR.** Tokio, Dec. 9.—The headquarters staff today published a list of 36 officers killed and 48 wounded. The place where these casualties occurred is not mentioned, but the presumption is that they occurred at Port Arthur.

London, Dec. 9.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister to England, today gave out a statement, which had been received from the naval staff with the Port Arthur besieging army. The report says that on Thursday evening the Russian cruiser Pallada, after taking fire, heeled over to port, with the stern down. Eleven shots also told on the gunboat Giliak. The cruiser Bayan, taking fire at 11:30 a. m., was still ablaze at 4:15 p. m. The commander of the naval artillery reports that the Russian transport Amur was hit in the stern by 14 shots on Thursday and sank. Many shots greatly damaged the Godowns and other buildings and the arsenal.

Tokio, Dec. 9.—In the fighting of Nov. 30, the second son of General Nogi was killed at 203 Metre Hill. General Nogi's eldest son was killed in the battle of Nausan Hill, and the old warrior now is childless.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—"I lived next door to General Stoeness in Port Arthur. He is hated by every officer under him, for his severity and cruelty. He seems to have no human kindness whatever, and it was the common report in Port Arthur that some of his own soldiers would kill him and lay the deed to the Japanese." This statement throwing new light on conditions in Port Arthur garrison and varying greatly from the Russian stories, was made today by H. B. Campbell, formerly of Chicago, and one of the last Americans to escape the besieged city. He arrived in Chicago yesterday, and is staying with his father. The younger Mr. Campbell is a banker in Newchwang, and lived in Port Arthur for seven years.

Rome, Dec. 9.—A dispatch just received here from Chiofo states that Admiral Togo is bombarding the inner docks at Port Arthur. A dense smoke is ascending from different parts of the fortress, indicating possibly a general conflagration.

## New York Stock Market.

New York, Dec. 9.—An exciting morning was the affair on the stock exchange today, the last two days' semi-panic on the stock exchange fluctuating during the first ten minutes.

An accumulation of sell orders for night from exhausted investors and others frightened at the decline of Wednesday and Thursday, was poured on the market at the opening, and the bear tacticians, seizing their opportunity to cover their contracts at the best advantage, offered prices down until the selling ceased at anywhere from one to two points under last night's close. Buying from banking and other big interests was detected at the low figures, and prices rallied smartly. A steady influence on the list was the announcement that the stock exchange clearing house sheets had gone through all right. Foreign exchange showed unsettlement with a tendency to harden. Since last Friday the banks have lost \$4,832,000, to the sub-treasury. There is a better feeling on the Board this morning, and the opinion is expressed that while irregularity must be expected the panic conditions have passed with no weak spots disclosed. Thomas W. Lawson, was silent this morning. During the drop yesterday and the day before, Lawson flooded Wall street with telegrams to sell Amalgamated and other pool stocks and not stand upon the order of selling. Mr. Lawson gave his reasons for the advice, and many acted on it. Nothing was heard from him this morning.

While the panic in stocks was going on in New York yesterday John W. Gates, who sat in his son's brokerage office, said: "About every three or four years we have one of these razzle-dazzles. It is over now and things will be in better shape than before."

## The Chadwick Case.

New York, Dec. 9.—Fearing that she might be kept in her life, a case which was being kept over Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, the alleged borrower of millions, in her cell in the Tombs. Thus far, however, she has given no indication that she contemplates such action. According to Keeper Halvin, Mrs. Chadwick spent a quiet night in the cell in which she was looked at 9 o'clock last night, all efforts of her counsel to procure the \$15,000 bail demanded by Commissioner Shields ending in failure. When her counsel and Marshal Henkel left the prison last night, Mrs. Chadwick sat down on her cot with her face buried in her hands. She remained so almost continuously until four o'clock this morning.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 9.—The Cuyahoga county grand jury this morning took up the investigation of the Chadwick case. Canker I. Reynolds, the man Mrs. Chadwick said was in possession of valuable securities belonging to her, has returned home and has been summoned to appear.

Brussels, Dec. 9.—A member of the American colony here informs your correspondent that he knew Mrs. Chadwick when she was in Brussels in 1903. He said she moved in high circles, being regarded as holding a prominent position in American society, and that she claimed to be on intimate terms with the Carnegie, Rockefeller and Vanderbilt families. She also said that she was on intimate friendly terms with the members of the American legation here. Members of the American legation, however, say that they had no dealings with Mrs. Chadwick except routine official matters. Cleveland, O., Dec. 9.—The Chadwick securities in the hands of banker I. Reynolds were opened this afternoon. Their face value was \$5,000,000. Their actual value is not one cent.

## Held For the Grand Jury.

Alexandria, N. D., Dec. 9.—A coroner's jury Thursday held Rosa Perkins, aged 14, for the grand jury on the charge of burning Nellie Vaynard, six years old, to death. Bail was refused. Nellie Vaynard asserted just before her death that the Perkins girl set fire to her clothing, then pushed her into a room and locked the door. A neighbor heard the child's screams and went to her rescue, but arrived too late to save her life, she dying in great agony a few minutes later.

## Be Quick.

Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. It never fails, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Gibson and Timberman and W. F. Creighton & Co.

## The Trial of Nan Patterson.

New York, Dec. 9.—The taking of testimony in the second trial of Nan Patterson, charged with the killing of Caesar Young, was begun today before Justice Davis. It is thought that the trial will be completed by Christmas. Miss Patterson was much depressed today by the scathing arraignment of her life by Prosecutor Rand last evening, when he outlined the state's case. Rand, after dwelling at length upon the relations of the defendant and Young, told of efforts made to get J. Morgan Smith, the brother-in-law of Miss Patterson, into the jurisdiction of the State. The prosecutor said: "I am going to show you why J. Morgan Smith ran away and who helped him to run away." When Miss Patterson was taken back to the Tombs she broke down and cried.

## Dazes Negro Thug.

Bradock, Pa., Dec. 9.—Miss Clara Stamates is the heroine of the Monongahela Valley. Last night she refused to faint or to give up her purse when confronted by a big negro, who held her up and demanded her valuables. Miss Stamates did not even scream. She saved that breath, and shifting her handbag from her right hand, landed the negro a hard one in the face. Miss Stamates buried him against the side of a building and then outran him to a better lighted street.

## Stock Raisers.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Organization to embrace ranches of the great country have been The cowmen and the sheepmen will make a coalition. The prime aim will be to do not continue to share of the profit.

The St. Petersburg newspaper Russ states that the fleet is being prepared to sail to the far East. The Russian fleet is being prepared to sail to the far East. The Russian fleet is being prepared to sail to the far East.

Men were drowned today in an attempt to rescue the crew of the ship Anglia, which ran ashore at Amberland, England.

Henrik Isben, the Norwegian poet and dramatist, who has been ill for several days, had a relapse on Wednesday and has again taken to his bed.

The St. Petersburg newspaper Syn Otkhetchva has received a second warning from the government that articles published in it have a pernicious tendency.

It is stated that the Sultan has assured Great Britain that Turkey will adhere to the treaty of Paris and will prevent the passage of the Dardanelles of the Russian Black Sea fleet.

The Casar has conferred on General Bilderling, commanding the Seventeenth Army Corps, and General Sakharoff, chief of the staff under General Kuroptkin, golden swords set with brilliants. Each sword bears the simple inscription "For Valor."

The report is current in London that Alfred Charles Harmsworth, principal proprietor of thirty journals, is negotiating for the purchase of the Morning Post, which is a fashionable society sheet and the organ of the feminine Toryism. The sum mentioned is \$5,000,000.

After an autopsy had been performed on the body of M. Syveton, the national deputy who was found suffocated in his room, in Paris, yesterday, a verdict was rendered that the deceased came to his death through the inhalation of illuminating gas. It remains a mystery whether the death of Syveton was due to an accident, was a case of suicide or a murder.

## Lawson Did It.

Lawson in the New York stock market arena produced some grand and lofty tumbling at this end of the ticker yesterday.

The advertisements spread by the Boston financier and magazine writer over the pages of various newspapers Wednesday, his clear and cold statement about Amalgamated Copper and Rogers and the Standard Oil magnates contained in these "ads," gently precipitated the stock of that corporation nine points yesterday.

Copper holders sold with the opening of the market and there was a rattling of the dry bones.

Something also happened to United States Steel, in which so many millions have been lost by the small gamblers in stock the country over. Steel sagged in the middle and dropped and then sprang up and went back, with the prospects of almost anything doing.

Leading bank officers at the height of the slump showed no perturbation. They united in the opinion that the smash in the market represented the liquidation of an over-extended bull account, the heavy selling being the natural result of the toppling over of inverted stock-market pyramids and the reaching of stop-loss orders. There was nothing at all the matter with the prosperity of the country and the state of general business they agreed.

One very prominent bank officer said: "It is a Lawson panic more than anything else. There is nothing inherently wrong with the situation. The stock market was in a position to go down, and just needed some peg to hang the movement on. There were two such pegs, as it happened—the President's message and Lawson's advertisements."

"Lawson has a tremendous following. Probably half a million people have been reading his stuff. He has been right, too, in many of his tips before this slump, and that has made people pay all the more attention to him. His latest advertisements started selling, which found a technically weak market."

## Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed, it causes a humming sound or ringing in the ears, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed. Catarrh is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness caused by catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists. 75c per bottle. For constipation. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. Wait for "Fewer gallons; wears longer."

## Fifty-Eighth Congress.

Washington, Dec. 9. SENATE. The Senate was not in session today. HOUSE.

The first business of the House today was to fix a time for the Christmas holiday of Congress. Mr. Payne offered a concurrent resolution providing for adjournment from Wednesday Dec. 21, to January 4. The resolution was adopted. Today, under the rule, was pension day. By agreement, pension matters went over to Monday, and in committee of the whole the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was again taken up.

Mr. Hepburn's motion to strike out the appropriation for the civil service commission, pending when adjournment was had yesterday, was put and defeated by a viva voce vote.

Mr. Hepburn, contrary to his usual methods of attacking the commission, did not ask for a vote by division.

National Finances. Secretary Shaw's official estimate, submitted to Congress yesterday, is that the government will run behind \$18,000,000 during the present fiscal year, which ends June 30, 1905. This is believed to be extremely conservative, and many people think the deficit for the year will reach not less than \$30,000,000.

Escaping gas in the cellar of the Opera House, at Hollidaysburg, Pa., was ignited this morning by the furnace. The explosion